

EDWARD VII PASSES AWAY; GEORGE FREDERICK REIGNS

BRITISH MONARCH DIES AFTER SHORT SICKNESS

Returned From Vacation 10 Days Ago in Best of Health Succumbs to Pneumonia, Following Bronchitis, Near Midnight.

PRINCE OF WALES SUCCEEDS TO THE THRONE

"I Think I Have Done My Duty," Among King's Last Words. Close Friends Convinced That Worry Over Political Situation Aggravated Fatal Illness.

LONDON, May 7.—Edward VII, king of England, died at 11:45 o'clock last night.

The Prince of Wales is king, assuming the title of George V, and will take the oath before the privy council at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Coming so suddenly, the death of the king cannot but bring the greatest sorrow to the nation in whose hearts, Edward, first as Prince of Wales, and afterwards as sovereign, held first place.

Edward VII's short reign of nine years has been a history of stirring times. It opened with the conclusion of peace after a long and trying campaign in South Africa, and concludes at the crisis of one of the momentous political struggles of modern times, that between the peers and commons. In a day the political outlook of Great Britain has been revolutionized.

Gathered around the bedside of the dying king were the queen and princesses. No hope had been held out throughout the day for the recovery of his majesty, whose death, it was believed, was due to pneumonia, following bronchitis, contracted shortly after his return from his ten days' voyage.

Only a day or two ago, the king was conducting the business of state and giving audiences, but on Wednesday he was compelled to submit to the orders of his physicians. Since then until the end his decline was rapid.

The Prince of Wales succeeded to the throne immediately, according to the laws of the kingdom, without official ceremony. His first official act was to dispatch to the lord mayor of London a letter of condolence to the queen and princesses.

(Signed) "LAKING, REID, POWELL, DAWSON."



RECENT PICTURE OF KING GEORGE V.

Announcement of his father's death, in pursuance of custom.

His telegram read:

"I am deeply grieved to inform you that my beloved father, the king, passed away peacefully at 11:45 to-night."

(Signed) "GEORGE V."

The physical state of the king, it is said, was not such as to lead to any such sudden end. His illness, it is believed, was due to pneumonia, following bronchitis, contracted shortly after his return from his ten days' voyage.

Illness Aggravated by Worry.

Some of the king's friends are convinced that worry over the political situation, which confronted him with sleeplessness, aggravated, if it did not cause, the fatal illness.

Besides the few relatives in England, the Duke of York and the Duke of Cornwall, the king's family, is at sea, hastening home from Africa. The king's daughter, Queen Maud of Norway, will start for England tomorrow.

The intelligence that the end of King Edward's reign had come was not a surprise at the last. The people had been expecting to hear it any hour since the evening's bulletin was posted at Buckingham palace and flashed throughout the kingdom. The capital received it with excitement but sadly, for the king, with his own people was unquestionably one of the most popular rulers in the world. They regarded him as one of the strongest forces making for the stability of the peace of the empire.

Little Excitement in London.

The fashionable restaurants were emptying and a few groups of people were making their way home, and through the rain while a small crowd still hung about the palace, when the streets were filled suddenly with newsmen shouting and crying "death of the king." The papers were quickly seized and the people discussed the momentous event quietly and soon dispersed. The streets were deserted by 1 o'clock.

Within a few minutes after the death of the king, the home office was telegraphing the intelligence to the heads of other governments and the diplomats and colonial officials throughout the world.

All who knew the king expected his death would be sudden and it would not have occasioned great surprise, if it had occurred without warning at some social function as a result of heart trouble. Almost to the end he refused to take to his bed and was sitting up yesterday in a large chair, so the palace stories go, corroborating the description of him as an unruly patient, which Dr. Ott gave to a Vienna interviewer last evening.

Dying King's Last Words.

One of the last utterances attributed to the king was "Well, it is all over, but I think I have done my duty."

He seemed then to have reached the end of his journey.

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GEORGE V, KING OF ENGLAND

EDWARD'S SECOND SON, GEORGE FREDERICK, BECOMES KING OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND AND EMPEROR OF INDIA

George Frederick Ernest Albert, Prince of Wales, who now becomes king, is the second son of King Edward and Queen Alexandra and was born at Marlborough house on June 3, 1865, 17 months after the birth of his older brother, the late Duke of Clarence.

He and his brother entered the navy together as cadets and he spent two years on the Britannia. Then he started on a three years' voyage around the world, sailing on the Bacchante. In 1897, when his brother died, he became heir apparent and took his seat in the house of lords as Duke of York.

In May, 1893, his engagement was announced to Princess Victoria Mary of Teck and they were married on July 16, 1893. Six children were born to them: Edward Albert, Albert Frederick, Victoria Alexandra, Henry William, George Edward and John Charles.

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Y. W. C. A. BUILDING ASSURED; CANVASS CLOSES WITH \$65,495 SUBSCRIBED

Total of 1,295 Pledges; Average Daily Donations Exceeded \$6,500 Anonymous Friend Gives 20 Acres Texas Oil Land.

The campaign which opened April 26 and closed last evening, had its subscriptions amounting to \$65,495. This is less than had been hoped for, but it is enough to guarantee the success of plans.

A total of 1,295 pledges were made during the canvass.

The average daily subscription for the 10 days of the canvass was more than \$6,500.

Among the late gifts was one of 20 acres of oil land in Texas, which may prove of great wealth by development.

The campaigns to raise funds to extend the work of the Young Women's Christian association in Colorado Springs came to an end last evening.

The closing hours were of intense interest. Headquarters at 25 East Pikes Peak avenue, where the special canvass has been carried on, were crowded all evening with workers and their friends. Announcements of returns were greeted by applause. From time to time speeches were made by members of the association, who took occasion to congratulate those who have been most actively interested in the canvass, and to tell something of the future plans of the association.

At 6 o'clock, 1,100 pledges had been turned in, making a total subscription of \$62,000, which was \$3,000 more than necessary to guarantee the pledges already made, and it was known that this sum would be raised materially before the close of the canvass at 9 o'clock, as a number of persons had sent word of prospective gifts.

Welcome Gifts Announced.

A gift of \$2,500 from the Young Women's Christian association, in the person of Miriam and Ruth Gale was announced a few minutes, and this was followed later by the announcement by J. A. H. W. B. of Col. A. C. H. that a friend of the association had given 20 acres of prospective oil land in Texas, near one of the great oil districts of that state. The present value of the land is a little more than \$650. However, its prospective value is much more, and friends of the association are confident that the gift may yet prove to be a valuable asset of the association. Oil lands of this size have brought fabulous wealth to their owners, and, as President Sloan suggested in announcing the gift, it may some day become an endowment fund for the association.

In striking contrast to these gifts was one of 10 cents, which a little girl from the Steele school brought in for her team. Miss boxes from several of the larger stores in the city added several dollars to the fund and the Bristol school children from the third, fourth and sixth grades, contributed \$16.30, which was raised in small amounts.

The team of 100 young women raised \$10,520.40, the 100 men and women, who worked in separate teams, \$54,974.20. Team No. 8, of the 100 young women, raised \$1,820.25.

Letter of Thanks Issued.

The board of managers of the association has issued a letter of thanks to friends of the institution relative to work in the canvass. It follows:

The board of managers of the Young Women's Christian association, in expressing its satisfaction at the successful issue of its recent campaign, wishes that it were in its power to convey its thanks personally to each of the many men and women who have given with surprising liberality of their time, money and influence. Except for the enthusiastic co-operation of hundreds of these citizens of Colorado Springs, who have always had higher ideals and civic betterment, the large sum of money necessary to secure the pledges would never have been raised, and the young women who have themselves been working at an extraordinary industry and efficiency would still see no prospect of a successful future.

The board wishes to thank each friend who gave a contribution, large or small, might feel this to be an expression to him or her personally, of their gratitude, not only for the gift, but for the spirit which prompted it, and for the support in the strength of which the association hopes to go on to higher service.

To the men and women who have worked untiringly and faithfully, the thanks of the board are cordial and sincere. Their interest has given courage to the promoters of the undertaking, and their cheerful perseverance in performing tasks, often none too pleasant, has been a constant source of surprise and admiration. Too much cannot be said for the work of the girls' teams. They have brought in hundreds of dollars every day, have themselves given sums that often meant sacrifice, and have worked with an enthusiasm and persistency which is sufficient in itself to show to the public that there is a real demand for such an institution as this campaign makes possible.

Various Services Remembered.

The women who have given their assistance at the headquarters, the room, etc., from the national board, the local secretary.

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FATALITIES IN CARTAGO EARTHQUAKE EXCEED ESTIMATES IN FIRST REPORTS

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, May 6.—The earthquake that laid waste the town of Cartago occurred at 6:50 o'clock on Wednesday night, and continued about 18 seconds. In that brief space of time the buildings of the place collapsed, burying hundreds of people. The dead were estimated at 500, but it is believed tonight that the fatalities were much greater. Many hundreds more were injured. Four hundred bodies were recovered today.

Following the shock, twilight was turned to darkness of midnight by clouds of dust that rose from the ruins. Panic ensued and the cries of the injured and fleeing survivors filled the air. Cooler heads went to the telephone office to summon help only to find the operators dead, lines down and traffic badly impaired on the railroad.

Throughout the day special trains arrived here bringing the wounded. Hundreds of survivors are camped outside the ruined city awaiting transportation to other points. They are being fed at the public expense. Seven carloads of provisions have been dispatched from here and Alajuela.

Peace Palace in Ruins.

The beautiful peace palace, erected at a cost of \$100,000 through the generosity of Andrew Carnegie, was converted into a pile of debris.

Other public buildings met the same fate. Many students at the college of the Silesian Fathers were killed. Only three of them escaped unharmed.

The tremors continue tonight and the terror of the people increases. The popular fear of further shocks has spread to the neighboring towns.

Only the early hour of the evening at which the disaster occurred prevented a much greater loss of life. At the time many people were in the open.

No Americans Killed.

So far no deaths have been reported among the American colony.

The disaster was not preceded by any activity of the volcano Poas or of other volcanic vents. The shock was felt throughout Costa Rica, and parts of Nicaragua. Great fissures opened at many places in the volcanic zone.

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Cartago is the oldest city of Costa Rica. Its buildings with the exception of the peace palace, were almost all built in the old Spanish style. Its 10,000 inhabitants generally are as blond as Saxons.

The ancient town had suffered a number of times from earthquakes since the middle of last April and the series of quakes did great damage to property between the 19th and 19th of that month. Since the latter date the people had become rather indifferent to slight tremors that have continued. The violent shocks of Wednesday night took them by surprise.

Earthquakes in California.

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